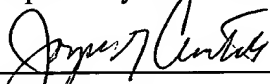


REMARKS

The present patent application is a national stage patent application of International Application No. PCT/US99/27251, filed November 17, 1999. International Application No. PCT/US99/27251 claims the benefit of the filing date of United States Provisional Application No. 60/109,785, filed November 25, 1998. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and earnestly solicits a formal Notice of Allowability directed to claims 1-21.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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